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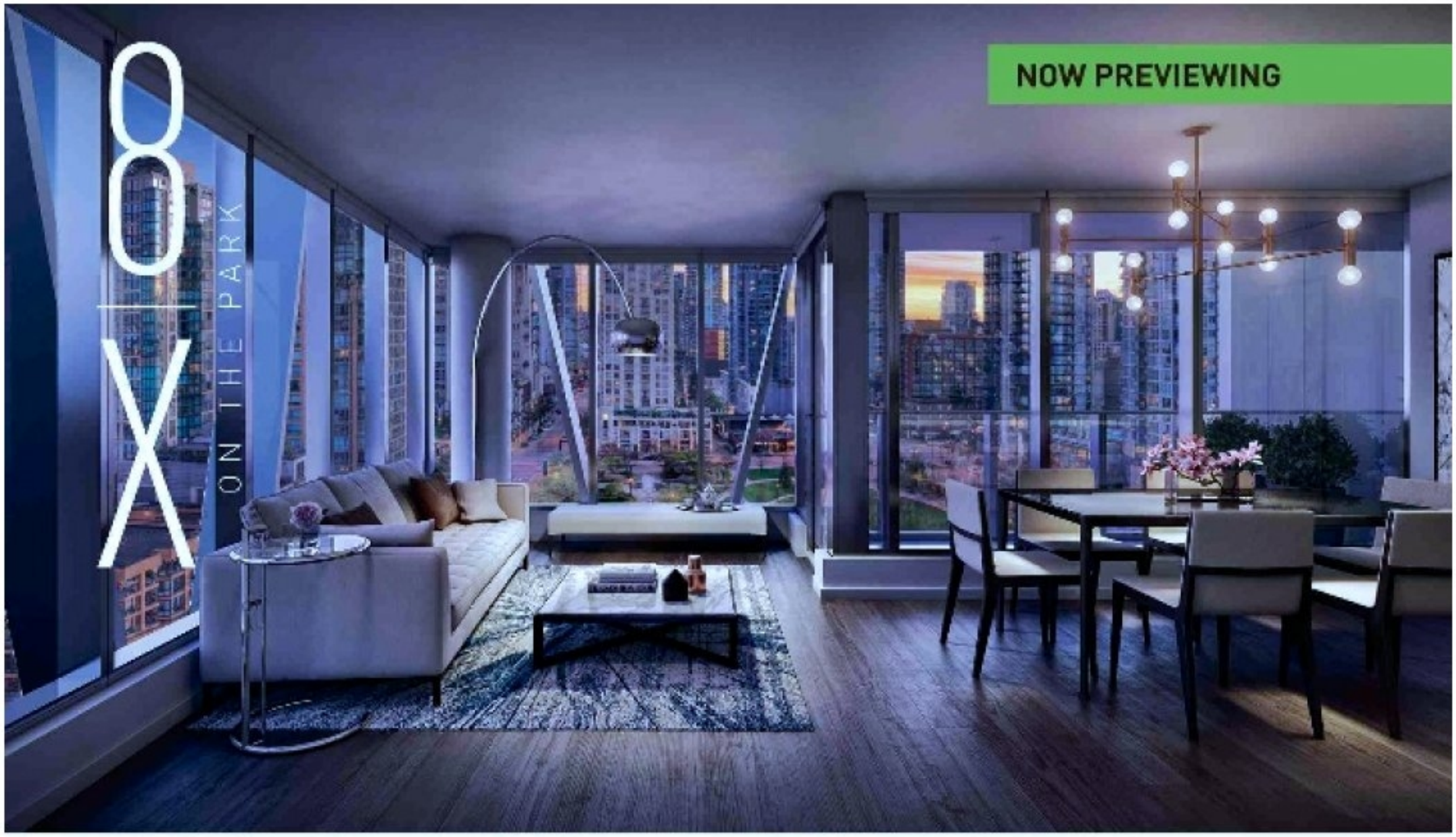

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Bike-share site hacked

TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

Membership web page not compromised, city says

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

The website for Vancouver's public bike-share program Mobi looked a little different than usual Wednesday.

Less than a week after the city of Vancouver and public bike-share operator CycleHop unrolled memberships and unveiled the service's new name last Friday, the Mobi website was hacked.

On Wednesday morning, the website vancouverbikeshare.ca was inaccessible for some time with a message that read "Hacked by Walkers404" and "Arjasari Cyber Team" with an emblem of a tiger.

As of 10 a.m., however, the company appeared to be aware of the problem and visitors to vancouverbikeshare.ca were re-directed back to the city's website.

A message on the webpage stated that the public bike-share website is "currently experiencing technical difficulties."

"Teams are working on the problem to restore the website as quickly as possible," the message reads. "We apologize for any inconvenience."

In a statement Wednesday afternoon, the city confirmed that someone hacked the vancouverbikeshare.ca website earlier in the day.

According to the city, however, the Mobi membership sign-up web page was not compromised during the incident.

"That site is hosted separately by a different service provider. However, to be safe, we have temporarily disabled this web site as well," the city said. "We are working with CycleHop to confirm the security of both websites, which should be active again soon."

While the city works to get the website back up and running, the IT team temporarily re-directed the bike share URL to the city website.

The vancouver.ca website remains secure, according to the city.

The website for Mobi was hacked Wednesday morning.
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School site over burial ground, advocates say, urge end to work

NEW WESTMINSTER

Chinese just one of 33 ethnicities represented

David Ball
Metro | Vancouver

Construction work on a New Westminster high school continues to be haunted by fears it could desecrate human remains buried underneath.

For years, Chinese Canadians have raised concerns about their historic cemetery under New Westminster Secondary School, but authorities claimed the burial ground had been decommissioned and the dead long since removed.

But according to Bill Chu, founder of Canadians for Reconciliation Society, the cemetery wasn't just for Chinese immigrants to B.C.; it was also the final resting place for indigenous people, Japanese Canadians and Sikhs as well, who were not allowed into the adjacent "white" graveyard.

"To call it a Chinese cemetery is a misnomer, big-time," he told Metro. "They are disrespecting not just one, but many different cultures."

The city has listed 33 ethnic communities as stakeholders in the burial ground, more than half of whom are indigenous.

Bill Chu monitors archeologists digging the site slated for construction in this 2012 photo. COURTESY BILL CHU

"The Province of B.C. has ignored the ongoing concerns of the impacted First Nations and non-Aboriginal people of the cemetery," wrote Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, president of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, in a letter to the province earlier this month. He demanded that B.C. "protect First Nations sacred and burial sites and to pursue an alternative location for the development."

> When we happen to be lying side-by-side in a cemetery, reconciliation is also after death.
> Bill Chu, Canadians for Reconciliation Society

Education Minister Mike Bernier would not be interviewed, but a spokesman for the department said the province is "well aware of the sensitive nature of the site — and the fact the old school was built over areas previously used for burials," Craig Sorochan wrote in an emailed statement.

But, he explained, efforts to find an alternate site failed because of the large area needed and the school's proximity to an ice rink and sports track. That means "the current site is the only viable option," he said.

The province believes that at least some of the burial grounds beneath the facility were long-ago decommissioned, and the remains moved elsewhere, and the new school building would be supervised by an archeologist to ensure no previous burial areas are built upon.

Chu said that although some remains were indeed exhumed by relatives and sent to China, there are without doubt still graves under the site, according to underground imagery, many of them likely non-Chinese minorities and Chinese Canadians unable to be repatriated.

"This is actually an opportunity to do the right thing," he said.

"Reconciliation is not just an event or an apology — it's a process whereby groups decide they should try to restore their relationship.

"Well, that relationship isn't just before death — when we happen to be lying side-by-side in a cemetery, reconciliation is also after death."

Serial killer Cody Legebokoff was sentenced to life with no chance of parole for 25 years. METRO FILE

Killer of women and girl appeals

JUSTICE SYSTEM

Accused wasn't told of defence's 'unethical' acts, argues lawyer

A B.C. man convicted of killing three women and a teenage girl deserves a new trial because a judge failed to disclose concerns about his defence counsel's "unethical behaviour" until after he had been sentenced, a lawyer argued Wednesday.

Cody Legebokoff was sentenced to life with no chance of parole for 25 years by a judge in Prince George for the first-degree murders of 15-year-old Loren Leslie, 23-year-old Natasha Montgomery and Jill Stuchenko and Cynthia Maas, both 35.

His lawyer Eric Gottardi told the B.C. Court of Appeal on Wednesday that even though the evidence against Legebokoff was "overwhelming," the appearance of unfairness at the trial means it must be heard again.

"This appeal is about the system and the public confidence in the system," said Gottardi, who wasn't Legebokoff's trial lawyer. "This was a slam-dunk Crown case. The judge should have bent over backwards to ensure the accused had a fair trial and he didn't."

His argument hinged on the judge's rejection of a defence application in 2012 to have the trial heard in Vancouver. The written reasons for the ruling were only released after Legebokoff was convicted and sentenced in 2014.

> **This verdict cannot be allowed to stand.**
> Eric Gottardi

Justice Glen Parrett said in those reasons that Legebokoff's counsel had exaggerated and distorted evidence in the application to have the trial moved. He described the defence lawyer's arguments as "misleading" and a "recasting of reality," said Gottardi.

He argued that the judge should have informed Legebokoff before the trial that he thought his lawyer's behaviour was unethical, so that Legebokoff could have considered retaining a new lawyer or filing a bias application to have Parrett removed.

During Wednesday's hearing, the Crown and Gottardi agreed that Parrett's characterization of Legebokoff's defence counsel was wrong and that the lawyer hadn't misled the court.

Gottardi said he was not arguing that the judge was prejudiced toward his client. Rather, he said Parrett's actions created a perception of bias and interfered with Legebokoff's right to choice of counsel.

The appeal court judges reserved their decision.

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IN BRIEF

Elderly cyclist stuck by vehicle dies of injuries

Police say a cyclist struck by a vehicle in Vancouver's Stanley Park last week has died from his injuries.

Police said the 72-year-old man was rushed to hospital and underwent surgery for a serious head injury. He stayed in hospital until Monday when he died.

The 20-year-old driver has been co-operative with investigators, and there is no indication that speed, alcohol or distracted driving played a role, police said.

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Teenager accused of attempted murder

A 16-year-old boy is facing an attempted-murder charge in connection with a shooting in East Vancouver that sent a man to hospital with serious injuries.

On May 11 around 3 p.m., police received reports of gunfire near Nanaimo and Dundas Street. When officers arrived, they found a 19-year-old man with gunshot wounds. He has since been released from hospital but has life-altering injuries, police said.

Investigators believe the shooting was targeted and drug-related.

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Code Red as squeeze tightens

HOUSING

Study shows it now takes up to 23 years to save for a first home

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

It takes 23 years for a young adult to save up for a down payment on a home in Vancouver, according to a new Generation Squeeze report.

Paul Kershaw, a professor at the University of British Columbia's School of Population Health and founder of Generation Squeeze, says his latest study shows the extent to which the standard of living for young people has deteriorated in Canada, especially in Vancouver where house prices are at all-time highs and salaries are among the lowest.

"It used to take five years to save a 20 per cent down payment for a home across the country [in 1976]. Now it takes 12. In Vancouver it's 23," Kershaw told Metro. "A typical British Columbian earns $9,000 less for full time work today than someone in 1976 to 1980. We've presided over the province that has seen the biggest deterioration in the standard of living for young people and we're not recognizing that yet."

The study, titled Code Red, calls for a rethink of housing policy in Vancouver.

Kershaw said Canada's public health care system spawned out of an affordability crisis in Saskatchewan in the 1930s and 40s.

"Back then, the problems of affording going to a doctor or hospital was a pan-Canadian problem that was particularly egregious in Saskatchewan," said Kershaw. "It was not a coincidence that a political leader there started to dream differently about how to address that unaffordability issue and, over time, Tommy Douglas is now recognized by many as the greatest Canadian ever.

"B.C. is to housing what Saskatchewan was to medical care in the '30s and '40s."

Generation Squeeze's corresponding public awareness campaign, launched Wednesday, urges via petition for politicians to adopt a housing-first approach to the market.

"Now is the time to legislate differently about how we treat our housing system because, first and foremost, the reason we have a housing market is to make a sufficient supply of housing or homes affordable to people at prices that are at reach of what they can earn," Kershaw said. "If they can make returns on their investment, fabulous. But that investment return has to be secondary.

"So much of the conversation in B.C. recently is about reversing the order of those things. When you talk about protecting and growing equity in homes and not wanting to deter people who are speculating in the market, then what you're doing is treating the market primarily as a service for investment. And so long as we've been doing so, it has really pushed out of reach — and in places like Vancouver really broken down — supplying homes."

The report recommends a number of actions, including a speculation tax on house flipping increased taxes on home wealth, increased rental accommodations, rezoning single-detached home areas in market hot spots and subsidies for things like child care and transit to make life more affordable for young families.

Generation Squeeze's Paul Kershaw launches the Code Red housing campaign. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

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From left, Vancouver mayor Gregor Robertson; federal defence minister and local MP Harjit Sajjan; B.C. housing minister Rich Coleman; B.C. Attorney General and local MLA Suzanne Anton; Co-op Federation of B.C. executive director Thom Armstrong; and Vancouver's chief housing officer Mukhtar Latif unveil the pilot project at one of the city-owned construction sites forming the Vancouver Community Land Trust on Wednesday. DAVID P. BALL/METRO

Foundations laid for massive co-op

HOUSING

Non-profits to run 358 units on 4 city-owned properties

David Ball
Metro | Vancouver

A 358-unit housing project that's testing out a new model of non-profit development in the Lower Mainland took a step closer to completion Wednesday.

Government dignitaries and non-profits gathered on the banks of the Fraser River as construction workers prepared foundations nearby on City of Vancouver-owned land that will be leased to the Vancouver Community Land Trust for 99 years.

Land trusts are a non-profit development model pioneered in the U.S. that preserve community control over land for the long run, off the private market. The B.C. pilot project is more than three years in the making. When completed it will host B.C.'s largest housing co-op, three-bedroom family townhouses, and supportive housing for people with mental illness — at below market rental rates.

"The city is leveraging its land assets," said Mukhtar Latif, Vancouver's chief housing officer, explaining that the project is a partnership with the provincial and federal governments, co-ops, and several non-profit financial institutions aimed at delivering "affordability for future generations."

To do that, the city offered up four properties for rent, while other governments also chipped in towards the roughly $110-million price tag.

A 99-year city lease will ensure that investment keeps the housing affordable long into the future, managed by the Federation, Sanford Housing Society and Tikva Housing Society.

"We found two partners who will be with us for the next 99 years," joked the Co-op Federation's executive director, Thom Armstrong. "Now that's a long-term relationship."

At the announcement Wednesday, the province's minister responsible for housing, Rich Coleman, described it as an example of "great innovation which we can build on for affordability across the Lower Mainland."

> **Partners who will be with us for the next 99 years — now that's a long-term relationship.**
> Thom Armstrong, Co-op Housing Federation of B.C.

POLICE

No charges in naked incident

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Police say no charges will be recommended following a bizarre incident involving a naked woman in a locked store that sparked a large emergency response downtown last Friday.

Around noon, police cordoned off an area of Robson Street near Hamilton after a witness called 911 to say they looked into a locked store and saw a foot sticking out from behind a counter, according to police.

When officers arrived, they saw a naked woman and at least one man walking around inside the shop, police said.

Neither appeared to be in distress, but police said the strange circumstances and their refusal to unlock the door and speak with officers triggered the attendance of police negotiators and the emergency response team.

An hour later, two men were arrested as they exited the business. They were later released.

Meanwhile, the woman was taken to hospital to be looked at by medical staff, police said.

Detectives obtained a search warrant and took video footage along with a number of items linked to the incident. After watching the video and speaking those involved, police said there's no evidence to support any charges.

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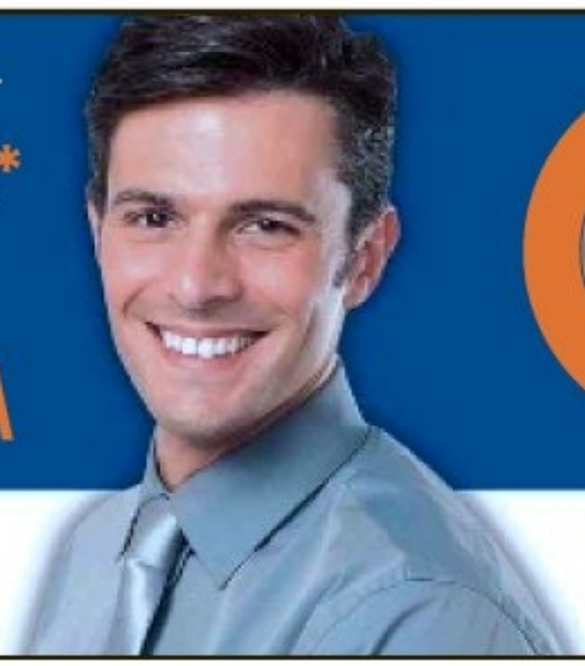

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TRIAL

Jury hears recording of accused pair

The father of Vancouver Canucks forward Linden Vey and his mistress talked about staging a disappearance and a house fire in what the Crown alleges was a plot to murder their respective spouses.

Brigitte Vey took the witness stand at the trial of her husband, Curtis Vey, and his mistress, Angela Nicholson, who each face two charges of conspiracy to commit murder.

Brigitte testified she thought things were fine in their 28-year marriage. The couple, who lived on a farm near Wakaw, Sask., were planning for retirement together until October 2012, when she caught her husband texting in the bathtub and became suspicious that he was cheating on her.

So Brigitte hid her iPod under the kitchen table at the farmhouse on July 1, 2013 and went to work.

What it captured over the course of the next several hours shocked her.

Nicholson shows up and chats with Curtis about her birthday, her pending divorce and the farm.

Then Curtis wonders aloud if anyone would notice if Nicholson's husband were to disappear.

"It could be a number of days before anybody's suspicious he's gone," Curtis is heard saying on the scratchy recording that was played for the jury. "Is there going to be really anybody who really is worried about him?"

Crown lawyer Lori O'Connor has told the jury she intends to prove the lovers settled on a plan to kill Brigitte Vey in a house fire and Nicholson's husband by overdose.

Both Curtis Vey and Nicholson have pleaded not guilty to the charges.

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The proposed massing of a development on Commercial Drive and 18th Avenue in Vancouver. COURTESY WCITY OF VANCOUVER

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Councillors walk out

PUBLIC HEARING

Status of rental proposal on Commercial Drive in doubt

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

The fate of a controversial rental project in east Vancouver remains unclear after Non-Partisan Association and Green Party councilors walked out of a public meeting in protest Tuesday night.

NPA councillors Elizabeth Ball, George Affleck and Melissa De Genova, along with Green Party Coun. Adrienne Carr, took the unprecedented step after accusing the hearing chair, Vision Vancouver Coun. Raymond Louie, of unfair treatment while debating the proposed 110-unit Cressey development at Commercial Drive and 18th Avenue.

Ball accused Louie of cutting off councillors' microphones and running the hearing "improperly".

"It was impossible for us to continue because we felt that the processes were unfair, unclear and we were not given access to the city clerks' decision," Ball said.

Carr said tensions had been ramping up throughout the night as she and De Genova tried multiple times to extend the meeting past 10 p.m. but were ruled out of order.

The hearing was eventually extended and had run well past 10 when Louie allowed for fellow Vision Vancouver Coun. Tim Stevenson's motion to defer the final decision so a city arborist could provide feedback on trees planned for the development.

Carr said she was irate because similar motions for more information about projects made by her in the past have been ruled out of order.

When Stevenson's motion was allowed to proceed, the four opposition councillors staged their walkout.

Four Vision Vancouver councillors, including Mayor Gregor Robertson, were absent during the hearing, meaning the NPA and Green councillors held a rare balance of power.

"At that point, I could not stay in a meeting and condone a decision that runs counter where rules are applied unfairly," said Carr. "One set of rules to, in this case, Vision councillors and a different set of rules to myself. I take my responsibility as a councillor seriously and I felt that [Tuesday] night warranted my protests to several things that happened at the hearing."

Louie, meanwhile, said Stevenson's motion had been allowed by the city clerk and accused the opposition councillors of repeatedly interrupting proceedings before they ultimately decided to "not do their jobs by walking out of council."

> **This smacks of a little bit of school yard tactics.**
> Coun. Raymond Louie

He said the councillors could have voted down Stevenson's request to put the decision off but instead chose to leave. "All they needed to do was vote against the motion. Frankly, this smacks of a little bit of school yard tactics," said Louie. "The citizens that came, and the developer, and staff, and everyone involved in this process deserves better than that."

He said he had never seen councillors walk out of a public hearing in his 14 years on council.

It's unclear where the public hearing currently stands or if a new one will be required.

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G7 to hear Canada's economic approach

POLITICS

Trudeau to tout government investment, not belt-tightening

A group of powerful world leaders is about to hear a starkly new take on what Canada thinks must be done to revive the stagnant global economy.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will promote Canada's growth plan to his Group of Seven counterparts this week in Japan.

Trudeau's theme: government investment is better than belt-tightening. This approach will sound different to G7 leaders than the message they likely heard from Trudeau's predecessor, Stephen Harper.

The ex-Conservative leader regularly called upon the global community to apply budgetary restraint.

Trudeau's approach is expected to be well-received by most of his G7 peers at the two-day summit, which begins Thursday in Japan's Ise-Shima region.

Most of the leaders have supported the use of fiscal tools to foster growth, but countries such as Germany and the United Kingdom are likely to stick to their cost-cutting approaches.

One of Canada's closest G7 allies in the anti-austerity camp is Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who met with Trudeau and International Trade Minister Chrystia Freeland on Tuesday in Tokyo.

Meanwhile, a media report from the Philippines says Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has received an apology from Filipino president-elect Rodrigo Duterte for the killing of Canadian hostage John Ridsdel. The report says Duterte told a news conference he apologized to Trudeau on Tuesday when the Canadian prime minister called to congratulate him on his recent election victory. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks during a press conference with his Japanese PM Shinzo Abe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HALIFAX, N.S.

Missing Syrian girl's photo sparks hope

Canadian relatives of a missing five-year-old Syrian girl are appealing for help after a mysterious photograph surfaced on the Internet.

Mohamed Masalmeh, a cousin of the dark-haired girl, says he's sure the photo shows Mira Akram Al Jawabrah after she was rescued from a boat that overturned off the coast of Italy in August 2014, when the girl was three years old.

Relatives were initially told Mira, her parents and three younger siblings — Yousef, Mahmoud and Maria — had drowned as they were making their way from Libya to Italy at that time, said Masalmeh, a friend of the girl's father and uncle. The boat had more than 500 refugees aboard when it sank in the Mediterranean, he said. About 200 people disappeared.

"We completely lost contact with them, and we didn't know if they were alive or not," he said.

"We assumed that everybody was dead."

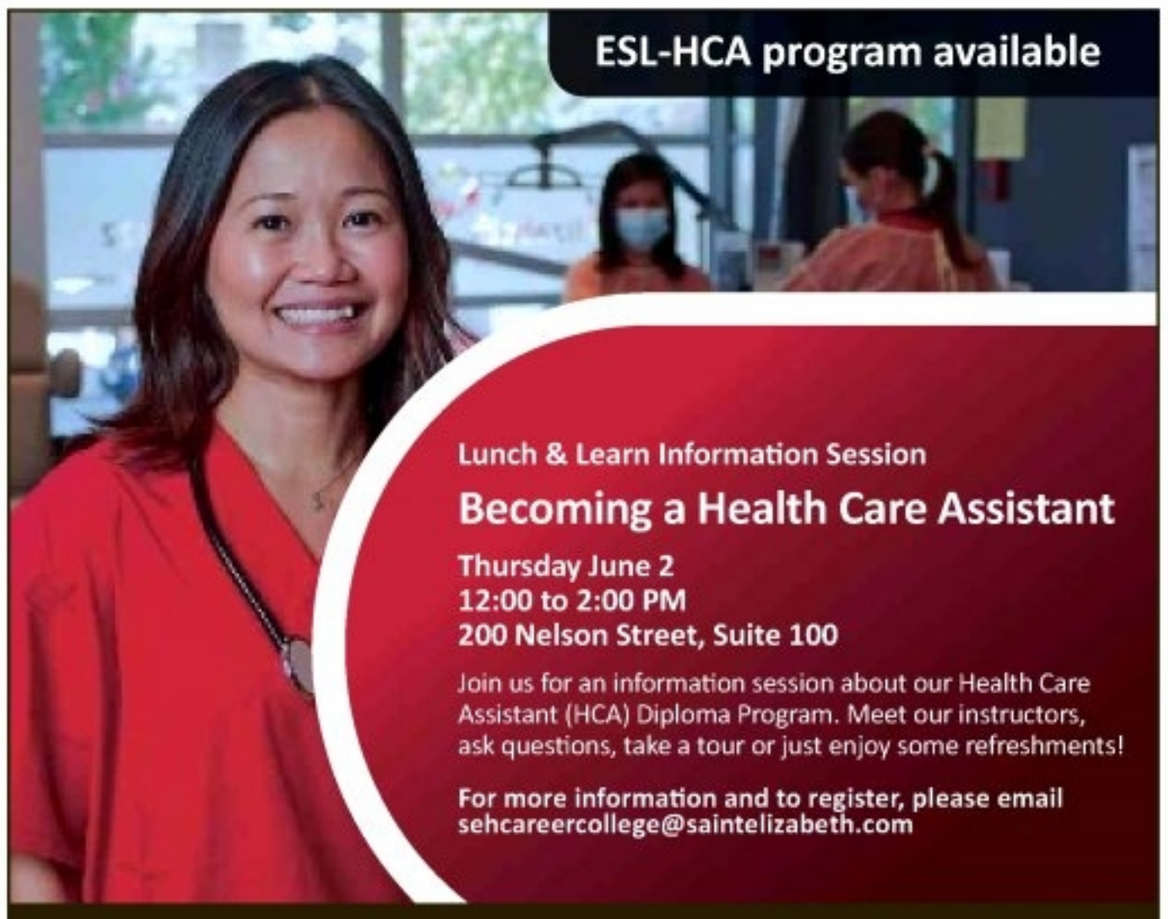
However, relatives later spotted the girl's picture among a series of photos on a Syrian news website showing survivors from the capsizing, he said.

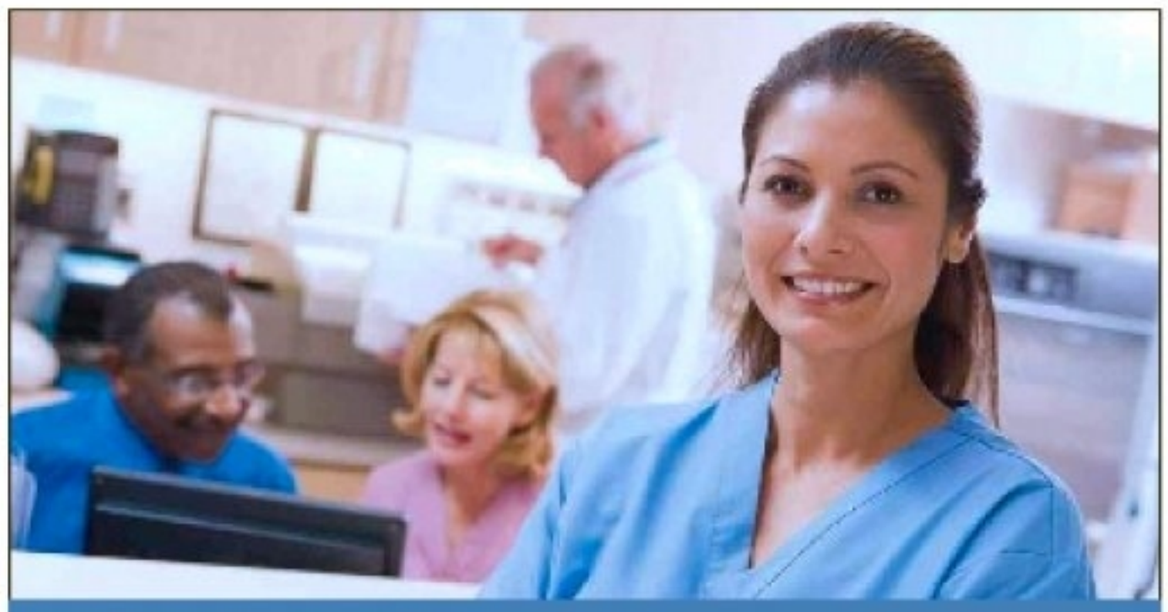
A photo of the girl believed to be Mira Akram Al Jawabrah that appeared on a Syrian news website. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"They had hope that she was still alive, and the picture proved that she was still alive," he said.

In the photo, the girl is holding at white card with the number 268 on it.

Masalmeh said he's not sure who took the photo, and he says requests for information from the Red Cross, the Italian government and police have yielded no useful information. The girl has an aunt living in Kitchener, Ont. and a grandmother living in Jordan, but Masalmeh says the family has had no luck making phone calls and submitting paperwork through official channels. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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Punks, not politics, caused Trump riot

NEW MEXICO

Authorities say unruly mobs intended to cause mayhem

A day after a riot erupted outside a Donald Trump rally, Albuquerque officials blamed the downtown melee not on impassioned politics but on an unruly group intent on creating chaos in a city that has seen more than its share of violence.

Some participants openly admitted that they set out to cause disruption. Many in the crowd were seen with gang tattoos and at one point chanted to Trump supporters that they controlled the streets.

"I woke up all hung over and stuff," said Chelsea Rae Gray, a 24-year-old musician. "And then I said, 'Let's see what kind of chaos we can get into."' She said she came to the protest in her pyjamas and stole some Trump T-shirts from vendors during the confusion.

"Then I burned them," she said.

Cleanup crews spent Wednesday clearing away broken glass and charred debris in the largest city in the nation's largest Hispanic state. The mayor and police were tallying up the damage that spread to several blocks near historic Route 66.

> **It was a riot that was the result of a mob trying to cause damage and injury to public property.**
> City Council member Dan Lewis

Tuesday's gathering quickly turned from peaceful political opposition to chaos. Demonstrators stomped on patrol cars and shattered windows with rocks, authorities said.

Six officers were hurt after being hit with fist-sized rocks. They were treated at the scene, a police spokeswoman said.

At one point, a female protester was physically dragged from the stands by security. Other protesters scuffled with security as they resisted removal from the convention centre, which was packed with thousands of loud and cheering Trump supporters.

Trump responded with his usual bluster, instructing security to remove the protesters and mocking their actions by telling them to "Go home to mommy."

He responded to one demonstrator by asking, "How old is this kid?" Then he provided his own answer: "Still wearing diapers."

"It was a riot that was the result of a mob trying to cause damage and injury to public property and innocent citizens exercising their constitutional right to peaceably assemble," City Council member Dan Lewis said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Riot police block off the Albuquerque Convention Center to protesters after a rally and speech by Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump in Albuquerque, N.M. Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IN BRIEF

Greek efforts to handle refugee crisis significant, official says

Greece has faced major problems in dealing with the refugee crisis but has made a significant effort to handle the issues, a leading European human rights official said Wednesday. However, Council of Europe Secretary General Thorbjorn Jagland said, that concerns remain about the detention of some asylum-seekers while their applications are being processed in Greece. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UN says food aid reaches less than half of Syrians

Food aid has reached nearly half the civilians trapped in besieged areas of Syria, but much more remains to be done to help the 13.5 million in need across the war-torn nation, according to a United Nations report issued Wednesday. The report says there was an overall increase in fighting and a rise in civilian casualties in April. Food aid has reached over 200,000 people or 41.9 per cent of those living in besieged areas, nearly double the 21 per cent reached in March. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EQUALITY

11 states suing over transgender directive

Texas and 10 other states are suing the Obama administration over its directive to U.S. public schools to let transgender students use the bathrooms and locker rooms that match their gender identity.

The lawsuit announced Wednesday includes Oklahoma, Alabama, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Tennessee, Maine, Arizona, Louisiana, Utah and Georgia. It asks a North Texas federal court to declare the directive unlawful in what ranks among the most co-ordinated and visible legal challenges by states over the socially divisive issue of bathroom rights for transgender persons.

The Obama administration has "conspired to turn workplace and educational settings across the country into laboratories for a massive social experiment, flouting the democratic process, and running roughshod over commonsense policies protecting children and basic privacy rights," the lawsuit reads.

Many of the conservative states involved had previously vowed defiance, calling the guidance a threat to safety while being accused of discrimination by supporters of transgender rights. U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch has previously said "there is no room in our schools for discrimination."

Signs posted outside a high school gender-neutral restrooms in Los Angeles, California. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

The White House had no comment on the lawsuit.

Texas' lieutenant governor has previously said the state is willing to forfeit $10 billion in federal education dollars rather than comply. The directive from the U.S. Justice and Education Departments represents an escalation in the fast-moving dispute over what is becoming the civil rights issue of the day.

Pressed about whether he knew of any instances in which a child's safety had been threatened because of transgender bathroom rights, Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said "there's not a lot of research" during a news conference. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Justin Trudeau and Fort McMurray Fire Chief Darby Allen look over a burned out car earlier this month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fires burn economy

BANK OF CANADA

Disaster will cut GDP by 1.25 points in second quarter

The Bank of Canada said Wednesday that the wildfires that razed parts of Fort McMurray, Alta., and forced the shutdown of several oilsands operations will exact a toll on the economy, but noted that it would be temporary as it kept its key interest rate on hold.

The central bank said that its preliminary assessment — its first since the disaster erupted earlier this month — suggests the fires will cut 1.25 percentage points off real GDP growth in the second quarter.

In its April monetary policy report, the bank had predicted growth at an annual rate of 1.0 per cent for the second quarter.

"While we don't know the bank's updated tracking excluding the wildfires, it's likely that the bank is tracking a contraction for the second quarter," TD Bank senior economist Leslie Preston said.

The Bank of Canada is expected to update its full outlook for the economy and inflation in its next monetary policy report on July 13, when it also makes its next rate announcement.

Despite the cut to its expectations for growth in the second quarter, the Bank of Canada kept its key interest rate at 0.5 per cent. The rate is a major factor used by Canada's big banks in determining their prime lending rates.

The central bank noted that growth in the first quarter was in line with expectations and the economy is expected to rebound in the third quarter as oil production resumes and reconstruction of the areas devastated by the fire begins.

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IN BRIEF

Wrestler, website and billionaire go to the mat

Two months after Hulk Hogan won a $140-million invasion-of-privacy verdict against Gawker for posting a sex tape of him, news reports say the pro wrestler is bankrolled by Silicon Valley venture capitalist Peter Thiel, who was outed as gay by a Gawker-owned website in 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bank of Montreal to cut about 1,850 positions

The Bank of Montreal says it is cutting about 1,850 positions as consumers do more banking online and advancements allow it to digitize its processes. There were 46,166 full-time equivalent employees at the bank as of the second quarter, a decline of 616.

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EQUALITY

Gender gap still not closing among CEOs

For the second year in a row, female CEOs earned more than their male counterparts and received bigger raises.

But only a small sliver of the largest companies are run by women, and experts say gender parity at the top remains way off.

The median pay for a female CEO was nearly $18 million last year, up about 13 per cent from 2014. By comparison, male CEOs' median pay was $10.5 million, up just 3 per cent from a year earlier, according to an analysis by executive compensation data firm Equilar and The Associated Press.

A pay hike doesn't tell the full story though.

The jump is largely due to the small sample size: only 17 of the 341 CEOs were women.

That means any one CEO's compensation — Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer's nearly $36 million package, for example, or Mary Dillon's 200 per cent raise at Ulta — can skew the results. Of the 10 highest paid CEOs on the list, only one was a woman: Yahoo's Marissa Mayer.

$18M

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The next highest-paid woman was Indra Nooyi, Chairman and CEO of PepsiCo Inc., who earned $22.2 million. General Dynamics CEO Phebe Novakovic came in third at $20.4 million. The lowest-paid female CEO on the list was Lauralee Martin of HCP, a health care real estate investment trust, whose pay package was valued at $800,000.

The only black woman to make the list — Ursula Burns of Xerox — is giving up her CEO role soon to serve as chairman of the document technology company after the business splits in two.

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TWO VIEWS ON HARPER'S EXIT

CHANTAL HÉBERT THE UPSIDE

His departure should clear the way for a much-needed Conservative pivot on climate change.

The federal Conservatives are gathering in Vancouver to praise Stephen Harper on Thursday and — if they are smart — to start burying some of his signature policies over the rest of their national convention this weekend.

It will be the first time Harper addresses his party and Canadians since his election-night defeat. It will also be the last time he speaks to the Conservatives as an elected politician. By the time the party picks his successor a year from now, the former prime minister will be long gone.

More so than Harper's parting words, his departure — expected at the end of the spring session of Parliament — should clear the way for a post-mortem the Conservatives can ill afford to avoid.

Last October, a mismanaged election campaign only compounded the decade-long mismanagement of some core policies. Few of those are more closely identified with Harper's leadership than the party's dismissive approach to climate change. On his watch it became part of the Conservative brand, and an albatross around the party's neck.

If the post-Harper Conservatives need strategic reasons to make their peace with the environmental issue of the era and end their war on carbon pricing, the foundering of their full-speed ahead pipeline agenda should provide it.

By focusing on getting more bitumen oil to tidewater to the exclusion of climate change mitigation the Conservatives did not just set back the pipeline projects they were purporting to promote; they also poisoned their own well.

Last October, Harper's approach paid few dividends in the parts of Atlantic Canada where projects such as TransCanada's Energy East pipeline otherwise enjoy widespread support. His candidates were beaten across the region.

It failed even more spectacularly in B.C.. Going in to the last campaign, it was a long-standing pillar of Conservative support. On the scale of the party's past presence in the province, Canada's Conservatives are paying a visit to a field of ruins this weekend. Here are some numbers:

The Conservatives came out of the last election holding only 10 of 42 B.C. seats, seven less than the Liberals and four less than the NDP. It was the worst Conservative showing in at least three decades.

In 2000, the year Stockwell Day lost to Jean Chrétien, and the last time a divided conservative movement took on the Liberals, the Canadian Alliance won a majority of B.C. seats (27) and almost 50 per cent of the province's popular vote.

Between 2011 and 2015, the Conservative share of the vote went from 45 per cent to 30 per cent. Over Harper's majority mandate, the party lost almost 150,000 B.C. supporters.

More than one ingredient went into the mix of the Conservative debacle. In B.C. as everywhere else, voter fatigue with the 10-year old government and its leader. The retirement of high-profile minister James Moore highlighted a weaker provincial team. Not since John Turner ran for a Vancouver seat in 1984 and 1988 had the Liberals had a leader who could — as Justin Trudeau did — boast a personal connection with the province.

But B.C..was also then and is now the ground zero of the pipeline debate, with two high-profile projects — Northern Gateway and Kinder Morgan — on the radar. Its Liberal government pioneered a carbon tax in 2008. If there was a place in Canada where the federal Conservatives' quasi-daily rants against such a tax stood to come across as gross fear-mongering, B.C. was it.

Those rants — combined with constant pipeline cheerleading — did much to advance the notion that a Harper-led government could not be an honest broker in the search for a balance between environmental protection and energy development.

An Abacus poll published this week found that about 30 per cent of British Columbians are outright supporters of the pipelines. That matches the proportion that voted for Harper last fall. But another 30 per cent say they could come on side under certain conditions related to the protection of environmental and indigenous interests. It is that sizable middle-of-the-road constituency that the Conservatives drove to Trudeau over the course of Harper's watch.

Stephen Harper arrives at his Ottawa office Wednesday.
ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD THE DOWNSIDE

He has a duty to serve constituents, one that should not be taken lightly or so easily swept aside.

Not so fast, Mr. Harper.

It seems the man we once feared harder to get rid of than a period stain is actually planning to leave us. The rumours broke yesterday: Insiders say Stephen Harper will resign from politics before the summer is through. And while the metaphoric backside of Harper is his only good side, in my opinion, I'm not at all pleased. In fact we should all be insulted.

Of course, anyone can see why he'd want to skip out on the next three years of Trudeau Land. Don Martin, host of CTV's politics show Power Play, assures us Harper has "gamely hung on" during the "excruciating" experience of Liberal rule these past months (cue violins). "He has suffered enough," we're told, by simply having to be a lowly, regular old opposition MP.

Spare me. This surely can't be fun for our haughtier-than-thou former PM, but that's something he should have thought about before running for re-election.

Perhaps Harper, swept up in his mission to rule Canada, if not the world, actually forgot that it wasn't just the Prime Minister's Office he was campaigning for: it was the much more cramped space belonging to the federal representative for the people of Calgary Heritage.

Harper has a duty to serve those constituents, one that should not be taken lightly or so easily swept aside. It's not even that bad a gig: He might be restricted to representing only the 80,000 voters in his home riding, but he's being paid a cozy $170,400 to do it.

While we're talking numbers, Harper's early election call launched a campaign totalling $443-million for all parties — a whopping 53 per cent jump from 2011, which we mere citizens are partly on the hook for. Any byelection triggered by a Harper resignation would cost hundreds of thousands more.

While there seems something especially petty about a once-mighty Harper refusing to do the work of some Canadians because most of the rest of us rejected him, this is hardly a Conservative problem. Federal politics is full of stories of early resignations, some more credible than others: Wanting to "spend time with family" is nice, but an obvious cop out. Taking another job is also a poor excuse for throwing our votes back in our faces. The arrogance and two-timing of the thing particularly grates.

Dennis Pilon, a political scientist at York University, told me that Canadian politics, among parliamentary systems, is particularly afflicted by early resignations. Moral suasion, he said, could be a treatment: "If the public conveys its displeasure with these kinds of antics, it raises the price on this sort of misbehaviour."

Of course, the only displeasure Harper would recognize is that of his own flock, and judging from comments on the Calgary Herald's website, conservatives are full of thanks for their former leader and wishes of "happy trails." I'm sure this response represents only a momentary lapse in commitment to stick-to-your-guns, see-the-job-through, don't-waste-taxpayers'-money conservative values.

I'm sure, if given the chance, Calgary Heritage's stalwart conservatives would again rush to re-elect him, despite knowing full well they were once but a means to a much bigger, juicier end.

For some politicians, a vote is clearly worthless if you don't get exactly what you want.

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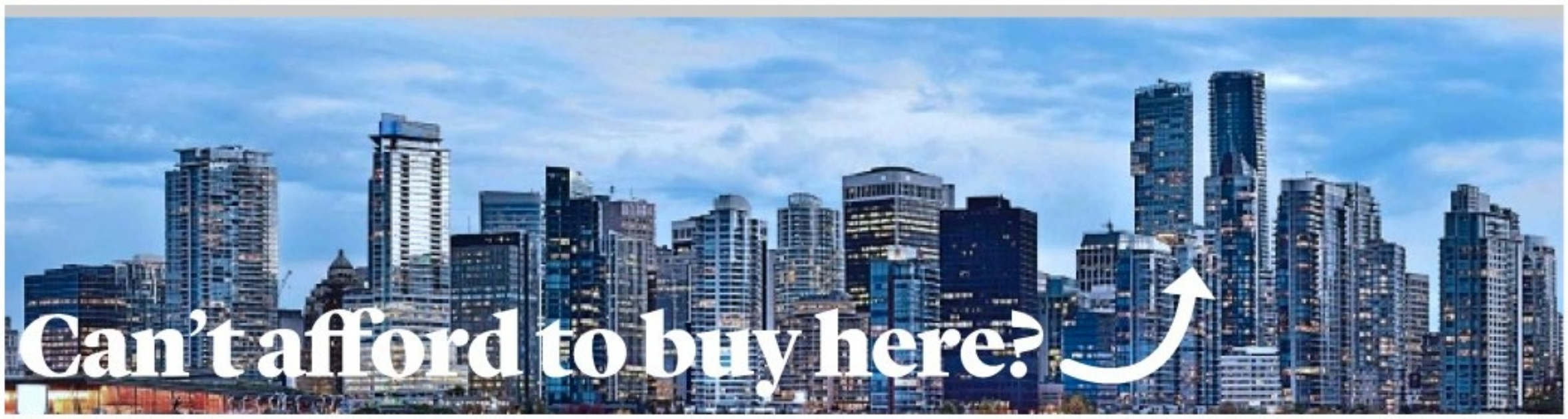

Can't afford to buy here?

...Then buy this

Faced with soaring city prices, some millennials are eyeing vacation properties

Megan Haynes
For Metro Canada

Adam Jamieson was a bit preoccupied with owning a piece of land. He chalks it up to one of his favourite books, The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz, by Mordecai Richler, in which owning land is a theme.

But the 32-year-old senior account executive at advertising firm Juice Mobile couldn't afford Toronto on a solo salary, so he looked outside the city. Way outside the city.

At the end of this month, Jamieson is closing on a three-bedroom, one-bath home near Haliburton. The house is situated on a lake, and fulfills a dream he had as a kid to own a cottage. And, best of all, at $475,000, it was in his price range.

He'll continue to rent downtown Toronto, able to spend his weekends at the cottage with friends and family. He plans to rent out the property when he's not using it to make a bit of extra cash. "It's not the first choice I'd make," he says. "I wanted to be in the core of the city, but I'm not a condo guy and I really can't afford (a house) at this point."

The hot housing market continues to price young and first-time buyers out of cities like Toronto and Vancouver. Australia-based research firm Demographia listed Vancouver as the third-most unaffordable housing market in the world, while a recent Bank of Montreal survey found 32 per cent of 19- to 35-year-olds say home ownership in Toronto is unaffordable. Another survey by Angus Reid in August, 2015, found 45 per cent of Toronto's millennials are looking outside the city core because of the high cost of ownership.

But despite the challenges in owning a primary home, young adults seem to have an affinity for cottages: One survey by TD found that 25 per cent of millennials plan to eventually buy a vacation property (compared to 13 per cent of the rest of the population). In the U.S., the National Association of Realtors, found the average age of cottage buyers is trending downwards (43 today versus 61 in 2003), and more millennials are buying a vacation property as an investment opportunity.

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>
> Adam Jamieson on why he bought a cottage

Considering the affordability of the market, looking at alternative options makes sense for first-time home buyers, says Tsur Somerville director at the University of British Columbia's Centre for Urban Economics and Real Estate.

He cautions buyers need to make sure they understand the realities of owning a cottage.

Vacation homes don't make sound investments since they can be difficult to sell when the economy does poorly (which is typically when people want to divest of their assets). "It's a much more discretionary purchase," he says. "Everybody needs shelter, but everybody doesn't need a vacation home."

If the cottage is somewhere the buyer plans to spend a lot of time, then it makes more sense, since he or she will be getting more enjoyment out of it, Somerville says. An owner's plans to rent out the home when they're not around also creates its own set of challenges, says Tim Harris, broker and owner of Nova Scotia's Tradewind Realty. Though the extra income is a great incentive, it's not a guarantee.

While Airbnb makes it easier to rent a property, it also makes it easier to rent one out, meaning there's more competition than ever. "It's getting pretty busy," he says. "And you've got a finite number of people who want to rent for a week during the summer."

More competition also drives down the price, he adds, pointing to his own vacation home: a nearby three-bedroom cottage is renting at a fraction of the price of his five-bedroom home. Potential renters have approached him to drop the price, and he lost out on potential income when he's refused. For Jamieson, the extra income would be great to help pay down the mortgage, but he says he's not banking on the strategy to rent out his place.

Rather, he was feeling the pressure to own. "A man is nothing without owning land," he says, quoting The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz. He still plans to buy a primary home in the city at some point, but until then he's looking forward to spending this summer up on a lake. "This is the best chance at my age and in my financial situation to own something," he says.

BEFORE YOU MAKE THAT PURCHASE

1. Pat Giles associate vice-president real estate secure lending, TD Canada Trust urges potential buyers to put as much money towards a down payment as possible.
2. Ongoing maintenance costs are different at a cottage, he adds (septic systems are more expensive to maintain, for example) and people often don't work that expense in when considering buying a vacation home. Talk to people who've owned cottages to get a better sense of the end price.
3. Harris adds insurance costs for vacation properties — especially those that are to be rented out — differ from homes in cities. He suggests speaking with insurance companies to get an estimate before making the leap.
4. Mortgage policies vary for vacation properties, says Harris, particularly for homes that aren't winterized or have year-round access. He recommends searching for homes that can be enjoyed all year, and speaking with the bank to better understand the differences.

Life in the shadow of Picasso

BIOGRAPHY

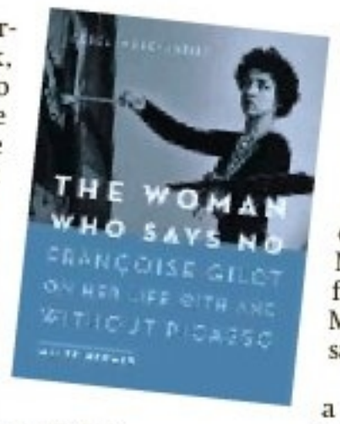
Françoise Gilot is still feisty, continues to paint in her 90s

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

When German journalist Malte Herwig interviewed Françoise Gilot for the first time in 2012, he had a tough time convincing the then-92-year-old artist to pose for the accompanying magazine photos. There's no way in hell, she told him. Desperate, he tried to appeal to her ego. "I had the stupid idea to compliment her with the first thing that came to mind, which is, 'but you are very photogenic, madame.'"

Gilot shrieked with laughter, which was when Herwig realized his error. "I thought, 'Wow, is there anything more stupid I could have said to a woman who has been captured in portrait by Matisse and Picasso?'"

Awkward moment aside, three years later Gilot would pose in her studio for more photos to accompany Herwig's new book, The Woman Who Says No: Françoise Gilot on Her Life With and Without Picasso, published by Vancouver publisher Greystone Books. It's a fascinating story of a woman who, regardless of her own impressive artistic credentials, will forever be destined as a footnote in the biographies of her former lovers — artists Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse, and medical researcher Jonas Salk, who discovered the first polio vaccine.



But the photos in Herwig's book, taken by Berlin photographer Ana Lessing, present an elegant, energetic woman who is clearly living as a successful artist in her own right, without a care for her notorious past. It's easy to see why Herwig was so taken by Gilot, and why, rather than writing a straightforward biography, he chose to pose the book as a series of lessons that he learned from spending time with the elderly artist, travelling between her Paris and New York–based studios. "The teacher-disciple dialogue is an ancient form since the 17th century. I thought I would revise it for modern day, sort of like Mitch Albom did for Tuesdays with Morrie," Herwig says.

Born in 1921 to a well-educated, wealthy family, Gilot's parents dreamed of having a boy, which led to her father treating her more like a son, which Herwig suggests set her up with the strong self-confidence and financial means that Picasso's previous partners — most of whom ended up committing suicide or in mental institutions — never enjoyed. Gilot met the famous artist when she was 21 and he was 61, and were together for 10 years, giving birth to two children, Claude and Paloma. After Gilot decided to leave Picasso for good, he threatened European gallerists that showing her work there would mean he would withdraw his own paintings, but instead of being defeated, she moved to New York, and began her own, if not understated, career there.

That is not to say that Gilot's life has been easy.

"Nowadays children of celebrities they do their own thing, a fashion label, perfume, whatever, that's a dime a dozen," says Herwig.

"But back then it was still different. Picasso was the celebrity of 20th-century art and he cast a long shadow. But she did something on her own."

Though her health is ailing and she's tired of life, Gilot still gets up to paint daily, while still in her slippers — she can't imagine doing anything else. "That's what fascinated me," says Herwig. "How your work as an artist enables you to live fully. That's also something we can all aspire to, rather than fall into the routine of everyday life. She helped pull me out of my own routine by giving me something to watch, to observe, to think about."

The Mermaid, painted in 1986 by Françoise Gilot. CONTRIBUTED

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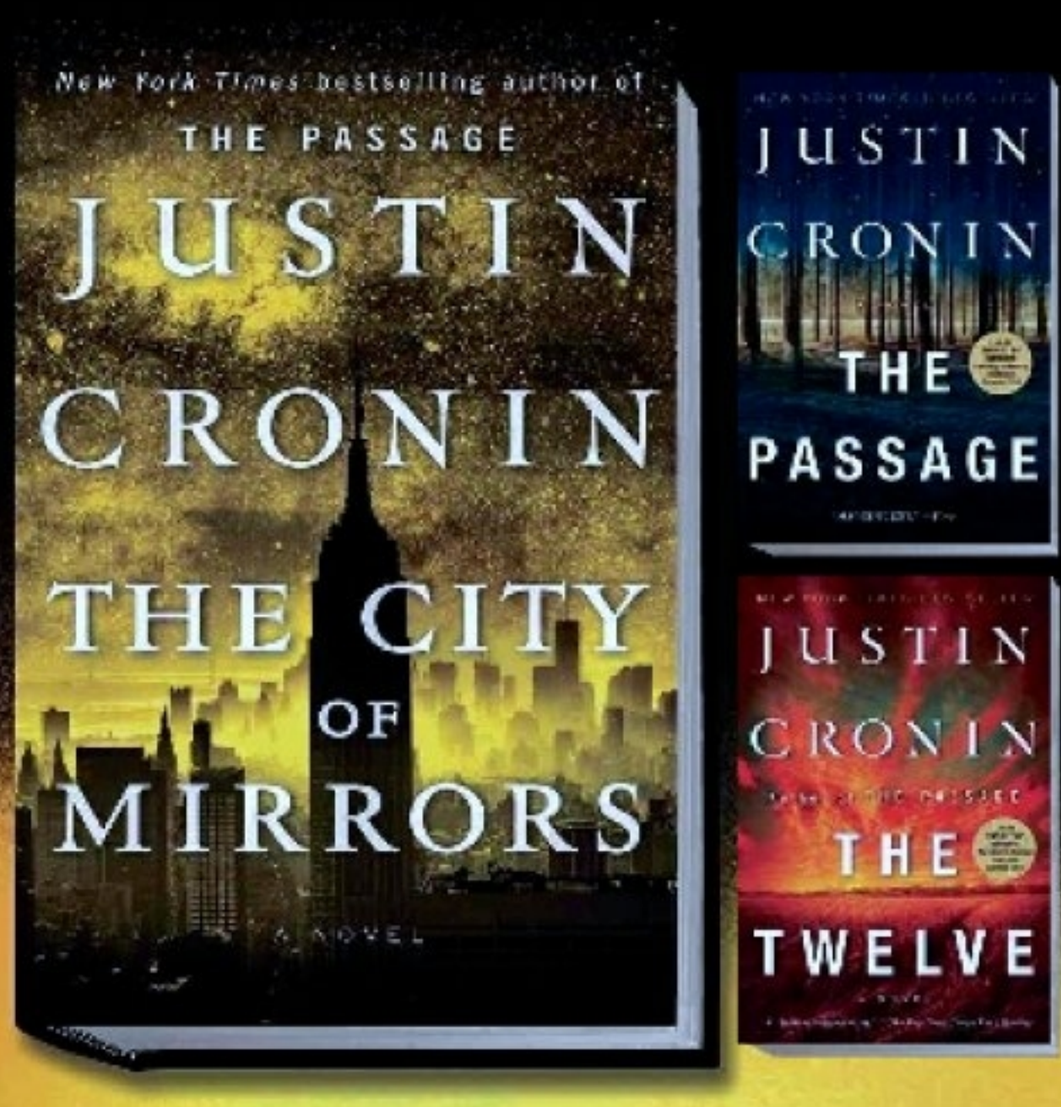

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ACTIVISM

'Give Captain America a Boyfriend,' Twitter says

Captain America snags a kiss from Sharon Carter in the latest Marvel pic, Captain America: Civil War, but many fans are wishing it was from someone else — specifically, a man.

On Tuesday, the hashtag #GiveCaptainAmericaABoyfriend became a top trending topic on Twitter, which advocacy group GLAAD says is a sign audiences are eager for LGBT characters in their superhero movies. This comes less than a month after GLAAD issued its annual studio responsibility index, which found that Walt Disney Studios, which owns Marvel, included no LGBT characters in its films last year.

"It's getting increasingly difficult to ignore that LGBT people remain almost completely shut out of Hollywood's big budget comic films that have dominated the box office over the past couple of years," said Megan Townsend, GLAAD's entertainment media strategist, who noted there are LGBT characters in both the source comics and in television adaptations, but not on the big screen.

Tuesday's trending was powered by both advocates and dissenters.

Scores of Twitter users suggested that Steve Rogers/Captain America (Chris Evans) be paired up with his old friend Bucky Barnes/The Winter Soldier (Sebastian Stan), who has been a significant player in all three Captain America films. But other tweets decried the rallying call, stressing that the character has never been gay in the comic book source material.

Townsend disagrees. In fictional worlds, she said, there's "room for established characters to have backstories built out that we weren't aware of."

Beyond Captain America, too, Townsend noted that there are LGBT characters in Marvel comics, like a pair of lesbians in Guardians of the Galaxy, who she hopes audiences might meet in the next film version, out next year.

> **LGBT people remain almost completely shut out of Hollywood's big budget comic films**
> Megan Townsend, GLAAD

Captain America: Civil War is poised to become the highest grossing film of the year in a matter of days, and has already earned over $1 billion worldwide. That sort of worldwide visibility is invaluable in fostering greater acceptance, GLAAD says.

"We've met with several activists who have (noted) the power of U.S. media in their country and how the conversations have changed there," Townsend said. "They really do have an opportunity."

The #GiveCaptainAmericaABoyfriend movement follows another social media ruckus earlier in the month with the hashtag #GiveElsaAGirlfriend, referring to the character from Disney's Frozen.

Frozen was also a smash success at the worldwide box office, but the inclusion of an LGBT character in the sequel could have an even bigger impact because it's an animated film. Townsend said that LGBT representation in all-ages media is especially important.

Idina Menzel, who voices the character of Elsa, told Entertainment Tonight recently that she thinks the viral movement is "great," but that it's also something that the studio needs to "contend with" and "figure out."

Characters from Star Wars: The Force Awakens also got the meme treatment, with fans suggesting earlier this year a romance between Oscar Isaac's Poe and John Boyega's Finn using the hashtag #FinnPoe and drawing illustrations of the two characters embracing. Such pairings are a fan fiction tradition going back to the late 1970s with stories about Star Trek characters Kirk and Spock.

It remains to be seen whether or not Hollywood will make any adjustments based on fan campaigns like these. Neither Disney nor Marvel responded to requests for comment. But for GLAAD, it's another sign that the public is not satisfied with the status quo, and a case to "let it go."

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

The lonely side of Louis C.K.

Louis C.K.'s character Horace confesses his odd fantasies to his late father's girlfriend in a hilarious dream sequence in Horace and Pete. CONTRIBUTED

THE SHOW: Horace and Pete, Season 1, Episode 2
THE MOMENT: The sex fantasy

Horace (Louis C.K.) sits in his Brooklyn apartment, taking a break from the bar downstairs, which he runs with his brother Pete (Steve Buscemi). His late father's girlfriend, Marsha (Jessica Lange), appears beside him on the sofa. As they chat, it becomes clear Horace is imagining this.

"Why can't I have normal sex fantasies?" Horace asks. "I wish I had clean sex, about love. People have sex, and the whole time they're smiling at each other."

"Like Obama," Marsha says.

"Yeah," Horace says. "I bet they have nice sex, clean and full of love."

"Where did you get the idea that there are clean hard-ons?" Marsha sneers. "Sex is dirty. Bad and dirty and smelly and messy…"

"I just came," Horace says.

I've only watched two of the ten episodes, which Louis C.K. writes, directs, and sells on his website for $31 U.S., and I really like it. It's filmed like a play. It's quite still — no soundtrack, no fancy edits. It's populated with great actors, who are palpably keen to help Louis C.K. make something that feels new: Alan Alda as Horace's racist uncle; Edie Falco as his sister, who's fighting to sell the bar; Aidy Bryant as his daughter, who's trying to love him.

But Horace and Pete is some of the loneliest television you will ever see. Art exists to explore uncomfortable truths, and the truth depicted here is that even when we're surrounded, we're alone; even when people want to help, they usually can't. It's Cheers by way of Long Days' Journey into Night.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

TRAGICALLY HIP ANNOUNCES TOUR

Concerts planned across Canada despite lead singer's cancer

The Tragically Hip will tour Canada this summer in support of their new album Man Machine Poem, the band announced Wednesday, a day after it revealed that lead singer Gord Downie has terminal brain cancer. **The band will stop in Vancouver on July 24.**

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Gord Downie in 2003.
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Britain has a "lost generation" with no gardening skills, the Royal Horticultural Society warns

MEET THE CONDO

West-side luxury

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Project overview

Coromandel Properties' newest addition to Vancouver's Marpole neighbourhood is a rare piece of luxury on the west side. These contemporary residences are almost sold out with three homes available. Future homeowners of The Leveson can expect to move in between late 2017/early 2018.

Housing amenities

From the quartz countertops and the Bosch appliance package in the kitchen to the soaker-style bathtub and his-and-her vanity sinks in the bathroom, the Leveson is the definition of luxury. Residents can feel safe with the private, underground parking garage and the roughed-in home security system.

Location and transit

The Leveson is conveniently located so residents can get to other parts of Metro Vancouver. The downtown core is a 15-minute drive while a nearby SkyTrain station is accessible via the many Granville Street bus routes. The University of British Columbia, meanwhile, is 10 minutes away.

In the neighbourhood

Granville Street is a major hub to some of Vancouver's finest dining, theatre and art galleries. The Kerrisdale corridor, known for its boutique stores and shopping, is just five minutes away. Leveson residents are also close to parks such as Queen Elizabeth and the VanDusen Botanical Gardens.

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What: The Leveson
Builder: Coromandel Properties
Designer: Gateway Architecture, Cristina Oberti Interior Design Inc.
Location: Vancouver
Building: Four-storey condos
Sizes: Contact sales team
Model: One, two and three-bedroom options
Pricing: Contact sales team
Status: Pre-sales
Occupancy: Winter 2017/early 2018
Sales centre: 8188 Granville St.
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HEIRLOOMS

Heritage pieces add character to your home

In this age of minimalism and decluttering, the common response to an offer of a family heirloom or antique might be, "I don't have space," "It's not my taste," or simply "No thanks."

Well, "pull yourself out of that as fast as you can and start saying yes," urges Susan Sully of Charleston, S.C., author of Past Present: Living with Heirlooms and Antiques (The Monacelli Press, 2016).

Unless you find a piece really ugly, she says, just take it.

"What's so bad about temporarily having too much stuff?" asks Sully. "The worst is saying no and having lost the precious tangible objects that tell the story of your family or a place you love."

San Francisco decorator Ken Fulk, designer chairman of the New York Botanical Garden's Antique Garden Furniture Fair, agrees: "No room is complete without something of age and provenance and character."

A few family heirlooms can really pull a room together. THE MONACELI PRESS VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

And that show's manager, antiques dealer Karen DiSaia, describes heirlooms and antiques as "the connective tissue of life, offering a feeling of depth and history."

The trick to blending old and new in your home's decor is careful curating — and keeping an open mind, says Sully.

Her book is packed with photos and descriptions of 20 homes around the country, from a converted fire station to farmhouses to elegant city dwellings. She offers tips on displaying odd collections, setting inviting tables, arranging tabletop compositions, and bringing together objects from different styles and periods.

"Start by dropping all your preconceptions about what goes with what. Just put things together and see what happens," she advises. "Then rearrange them a few different ways and look at it all again. You might have two pairs of completely different chairs, but put them together and you might be surprised."

Create what Sully calls an "anchor lineup" and then have fun curating the small stuff: "You don't need a lot of things in each room — just a few great pieces that converse with each other. Start with an uncluttered, interesting foundation, with one or two interesting, eye-catching pieces in each room that are there to stay. Then you can start a rotating exhibit of vases and lamps and oddments."

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USE THE SILVER

Don't treat heirlooms like stuffy museum pieces, Sully advises. Instead, "take what's old and give it life again by actually using it."

Use the fancy stemware and silver.

"Life is short, and silver only really tarnishes when it's unused," she says.

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Home renovating tips for savings and safety

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You've bought a tool belt and are ready to go. For many, one of the joys of home ownership is renovating the property to improve its appearance, for better use of space, and also to protect the investment. Before you start, however, there are some important considerations.

While it's common practice to buy insurance to protect your home against losses, Sylvain Renaud, vice president, personal lines at Intact Insurance, says that many homeowners don't realize renovations can have an impact on their policy.

"Before renovating, it's vital to contact your insurance provider to make sure you have the right coverage that accurately reflects your upgraded home," Renaud points out. "In order to benefit from the best available coverage, standard property insurance policies require you to advise the company when renovation costs go over a certain amount. Making sure your investment is protected will give you peace of mind while creating your dream home."

Also, depending on the upgrades you make, you may be eligible for premium discounts, so be sure to ask.

Here are some home renovation tips to help reduce monthly bills, stay safe, and prevent serious damage:

1. Properly insulate and ventilate your attic. When a house is not properly insulated the heating systems work harder, cost more to run, and consume more energy.

2. Insulate your water heater, hot water pipes, and heating and cooling ducts to help your housing system run more efficiently.

3. Check that hot water tank. The average life expectancy of a hot water tank is only eight to 10 years. Newer models are more efficient and won't leak or burst.

4. Install home alarms for fire and theft as well as carbon monoxide detectors and water leak detection systems.

5. Consider installing a sump pump with a back-up system, or think about adding a backwater valve to the main sewer line. These will reduce the likelihood of a messy sewer back up and provide valuable savings on your insurance premiums. NEWS CANADA

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Save money by saving energy

If you're looking to buy new appliances for your home, for a limited time you could qualify for a discount up to $300 if you purchase energy-efficient models.

BC Hydro is offering rebates for those who purchase select ENERGY STAR® fridges, clothes washers and dryers between May 1 and June 30, 2016.

The organization holds the limited-time rebate initiative twice every year in partnership with participating municipalities' retailers and manufacturers, as part of their efforts to help British Columbians lower their electricity usage.

"If you're looking for a new appliance this spring, this rebate could save you a lot of money, not just in your initial purchase, but throughout the lifetime of your appliance," says Kari Montrichard of BC Hydro. "People often don't think about how much energy their appliances use. A fridge runs 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. And the average home does about 300 loads of laundry per year."

Multiply the energy used by these appliances by the appliance lifetime of 10–15 years, and the energy use is significant, so efficient appliances can save hundreds of dollars on electricity over their lifetime.

When you're shopping for a new appliance, look for qualifying appliances in-store and ask sales associates for more information.

"With so many options to choose from, I am sure you will find an appliance to suit your family's needs," says Montrichard.

Visit powersmart.ca for a list of eligible models and rebate amounts.

Phase 1 of Hillside West Towers. CONTRIBUTED

Concord brings the best of Yaletown to Brentwood

Yaletown is well known for its transformative neighbourhood planning — interweaving beautifully green parks with neighbourhood developments into urban downtown Vancouver.

Now that same future-forward urban planning is coming to Burnaby's Brentwood neighbourhood with Concord Brentwood, a master-planned community now in development by premier B.C. housing developer Concord Pacific.

Concord is bringing some of the best elements of these neighbourhoods and parks at Concord Pacific place to anchor the planning of Concord Brentwood.

Conceptualized in partnership with award-winning masterplan and landscape architect James K.M. Cheng, Concord Brentwood's vision will come to life in three phases.

Cheng is known for planning Concord's ground-zero retail and services animation at Marinaside and Davie (quayside), as well a significant part of the Beach Crescent neighbourhood adjacent to George Wainborn and David Lam Parks.

This master-planned development will gradually transform 26 acres of land near Brentwood Town Centre into a new vibrant community, designed to be a seamless extension of Brentwood Town Centre.

The mall nearby is now undergoing a major revitalization and will soon be a 1.1-million-square-foot centre with more than 250 shops and restaurants.

Inspired by the creation of David Lam Park and George Wainborn Park by Concord Pacific downtown, Concord Brentwood will be anchored by a 13-acre park. More than twice the size of George Wainborn, it will include open field space, seating areas, a children's play area, water features, all adjacent to a planned elementary school.

Concord Brentwood was also designed to respect and preserve sensitive local wilderness areas. The community site is currently bounded on the East and South by the existing Stickleback Creek and its tributaries, which will be preserved and enhanced with low impact trails.

The first phase of Concord Brentwood, called Hillside West, will take an innovative architectural form.

"Building on the formula of what we did in Yaletown, we oriented the towers and heights to maximize views," says Peter Webb, senior vice-president of Concord Pacific. "We designed many of the towers to be open at grade with asymmetrical pillars to reveal site lines, further enhancing the open experience.

"Other areas of the project are ground oriented for retail and townhouse experiences. Raising the baseline in the first phase landmark towers will enhance the enjoyment of distant views for those living on lower floors."

Convenience at your fingertips

A home that has easy access to amenities can save you a lot of time and effort.

At Concord Brentwood, the accessibility to shopping, entertainment and education is unparalleled. Whatever you're looking for, chances are Brentwood has it.

Costco, London Drugs, Home Depot, Save-On Foods and many other retailers can be found within a tight radius of the development. An Urban Fare Market at Concord Brentwood will be a destination anchor for groceries within the master-planned community — so you can get what you need right at your doorstep.

Entertainment and dining are all in the neighbourhood too. You'll find Grand Dynasty Seafood Restaurant close by, great for family functions. Browns Social House and Joey Restaurant are also around the corner for an upscale casual meal with friends, or to watch the game.

For a day outing or night out, stop in at the greens at Burnaby Mountain Golf Course, hit the lanes at Rev's Burnaby Bowling Centre or catch a movie at the new cinema complex pl

Concord Brentwood is also the ideal place to live if you're going to school.

Nearby BCIT offers hands-on technical programs and courses to advance your career. SFU is also a 20-minute trip away — just hop on the SkyTrain to Production Way University Station.

For younger students, there are multiple high schools and elementary schools in the area, including an elementary school in the planning stages to be built within the Concord Brentwood community.

The Brentwood area is home to many businesses too. Sixteen business centres are located close by, including Discovery Place Business Park, where the Vancouver headquarters of video game giant Electronic Arts is based.

If you're looking beyond the neighbourhood to experience green spaces, you'll find parks upon parks in lush Burnaby. Walk the trails at Burnaby Lake or Deer Lake, or hike on Burnaby Mountain.

Driving. To the future

Concord Brentwood is a collection of homes built for the future. This is truly evident in the parkade.

Every residential parking stall at Concord Brentwood will come with its own plug, used for charging an electric vehicle.

Concord Brentwood will be the first master-planned community in Burnaby to offer electric vehicle charging outlets in all residential parking stalls.

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Shopping heaven at Guildhouse

Got your summer wardrobe yet? If you live in Surrey's Guildford neighbourhood, you'll have ample chance to pick up the latest, greatest styles, fabrics, fashions and accessories.

"Amazing retail is one lifestyle element that people would love to have access to," says Geoff Duyker, Marketing vice president of Mosaic, a Vancouver home developer and builder of Guildhouse.

A collection of one- and two-bedroom Georgian City apartments in Guildford, Surrey, Guildhouse will be the perfect starting point for a satisfying shop, whether you're fulfilling daily needs or treating yourself.

"In our opinion, having great retail nearby is a requirement for a home — to be close to a place where you can pick up everything you need," says Duyker,

Just steps from Guildhouse, Guildford Town Centre is the answer to many different shopping needs.

Shopping for groceries? Find wholesome fresh fruits, meat, vegetables and baked goods to stock your kitchen, available at retailers including Cobb's Fresh Bread and Kin's Farm Market. Pop into Alive Health Centre or Nutrition House for specialty health foods and supplements.

Planning a spa day? Guildford Town Centre has you covered. Shop for your home spa products and accessories at boutiques including Eccotique, L'Occitane and Zennkai. Book your makeover and shop for the perfect personal fragrance at Sephora. Bliss out with some aromatherapy at Saje.

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Clothes shopping? Don't even mention it. Aritzia, Hudson's Bay, H&M and many other retailers at Guildford Town Centre carry the latest and greatest to take you from season to season in style.

Gifts and accessories are here too. Pick up a special, locally designed piece of jewellery at Blue Ruby, the latest sunglasses at Aldo, or the perfect greeting card at Hallmark.

Guildford Town Centre is also the perfect spot for a friend date. See a blockbuster at Landmark Cinemas, then get authentic, thin-crust Neopolitan-style pizza at Famoso, or delicious chicken tacos and other fresh Mexican fare at Chipotle.

The Taphouse offers locally sourced craft beers and beverages just a short distance from Guildhouse — the perfect getaway when you're looking to relax after a satisfying afternoon of shopping.

"Guildhouse is close to some of the neighbourhood's top destinations to dine, shop and socialize," says Duyker.

Incredible accessibility

Great public transport is a must when you're buying a home in Metro Vancouver.

Guildhouse, a new collection of homes in the heart of Surrey's Guildford community provides accessibility for residents no matter where they need to get.

"Guildhouse is strategically placed to provide many great transportation options for residents," says Duyker. "We want to build a place for a diverse group of residents, so having a wide range of choices for getting around is incredibly important."

If you're a driver, you'll find Guildhouse is just minutes to Highway 1, which has recently been upgraded to make your commute to Vancouver, Burnaby or the North Shore even shorter. It's a breeze getting to work anywhere in Metro Vancouver.

If you're traveling by transit, just get yourself to the neighbouring Guildford Exchange. It's your local hub for rapid transit, with quick and easy connectivity to Surrey Central Station, a central hub of Surrey that will allow you to access anywhere else in the city via public transit.

And as Surrey grows and develops, so will the transportation options. The Guildhouse development will be just a short walk away from planned future rapid transit infrastructure.

More information about the architecture and interior design at Guildhouse will be released soon, and the homes will be available for purchase in June 2016.

Nature. Green Guildford

Guildhouse will offer its residents prime access to many of Surrey's beautiful parks and green spaces.

The development will be located within walking distance of forested parks, including Green Timbers Urban Forest.

It's one of Surrey's largest parks, offering more than 452 acres of wetlands, meadows, lakes and trails through second-growth forest. Walk the two-hour nature trail around the park for an invigorating and enjoyable summer weekend excursion.

Green Timbers Lake also offers year-round fishing, and the Surrey Nature Centre in the park is the place to learn more about the social and natural history of the area.

For Guildhouse residents, it's a jewel in the neighbourhood that's not to be missed.

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Incredibly affordable

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The Evergreen Line SkyTrain Station puts home ownership within reach, with affordable places to live now easily accessible to Metro Vancouver via rapid transit.

One of the hubs where homebuyers are finding incredible value is The Burquitlam Capital, a new development near the Burquitlam SkyTrain Station, which is now in the planning stages.

Homes at The Burquitlam Capital are affordable, allowing many different types of people to get into the local market, and live the high life at an affordable price.

"Burquitlam is the perfect community for first-time buyers, investors, downsizers and students," says John Gilmour, vice president of marketing and development at Magusta Development, the developer of The Burquitlam Capital. "The affordability of this area allows a diverse range of buyers to create a vibrant and inclusive community."

The development unveiled its presentation centre in March, with a terrific response from the community.

Only five units are left out of the development's 193 — all beautifully appointed, affordable penthouses and sub-penthouses ranging from $669,900 to $989,900.

Just 200 metres from the planned Burquitlam SkyTrain Station, The Burquitlam Capital will allow residents to jump on the SkyTrain quickly and easily.

The new Evergreen SkyTrain line will be an 11-kilometre-long addition to Vancouver's rapid transit offerings, set to open in early 2017.

"The key thing for this project is that it's so close to the Evergreen Line SkyTrain," says Gilmour. "As Metro Vancouver grows and develops, it's really important for people to position themselves near mass transit."

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Views. Over green

When you can look out your window over a sea of green, you know you're living in the right place. Burquitlam Capital, a new development near the future Burquitlam SkyTrain Station, has parks out every window.

"The neighbourhood is rich with green space," says John Gilmour, vice president of marketing and development at Magusta Development, the developer of The Burquitlam Capital. The surrounding area has more than 80 parks and green spaces to play in.

Modern homes for modern people

Real estate in Vancouver isn't just valued for its picturesque locations. It's also known for its high-quality design and construction.

Vancouver buyers expect a certain level of quality when they're looking for a new home, says John Gilmour, vice president of marketing and development at Magusta Development, the developer of The Burquitlam Capital.

"Buyers here are looking for something that's a cut above. They expect a lot and that's what today's real estate developers are providing," he says. "We've provided carefully planned features and beautiful finishes for our buyers at The Burquitlam Capital."

The 23-storey development has interior features meant to adapt to your life in the home, serving all your needs for storage and convenience.

When you walk in the door of your penthouse or sub-penthouse condo at The Burquitlam Capital, there's a feeling of openness, thanks to the large windows and nine- or 10-foot ceilings.

Residents will enjoy the sense of refinement that the fine features bring to the penthouse interiors. Polished chrome hardware is used throughout the home, as well as soft-close cabinetry, laminate wood flooring and full-sized appliances.

All penthouses and sub-penthouses are air conditioned, for your comfort. They range from 904 to 1125 square feet and come with two bedrooms and two bathrooms. Larger penthouses come with an additional den.

Counters are made from durable, attractive Cesar Stone quartzite countertops, providing a solid surface in the kitchen to prepare your meals.

Penthouse decks all have a gas line for your barbecue, and a hose bib so you can water your plants with ease. Penthouse decks range from a very generous 140 square feet to a luxurious 948 square feet.

Each penthouse or sub-penthouse home comes with two parking stalls and a storage locker.

Amenities at The Burquitlam Capital are no less impressive.

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Modern living arrives in Mount Pleasant

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One of Vancouver's most appealing features is its variety of idiosyncratic neighbourhoods.

Main Street is Vancouver's hub of craft brewing, Gastown is known for its tech start-ups, Kitsilano is known as a yoga hotspot.

PortLiving, a boutique developer in Vancouver, takes neighbourhoods to heart. The pioneering local company builds developments in locations hand-picked for their established communities.

Vancouver's response to PortLiving's projects has been overwhelming, with two sold-out developments in Mount Pleasant — Vya and Midtown. And two more sold out projects in Gastown and Olympic Village — InGastown and South Creek Landing.

Hot on the heels of its sold-out sister development, Living Midtown, PortLiving is proud to introduce Midtown Modern located in the heart of Mount Pleasant at Broadway and Carolina Street.

It's a five-storey collection of junior one-bedrooms to penthouses, ranging from 544 to 911 square feet, set in a building defined by the crisp, clean lines of its architecture, with oversized windows that look out across the cityscape and mountains.

"PortLiving is committed to integrating into the neighbourhoods we become a part of," says Tobi Reyes, CEO of PortLiving. "The design of Midtown Modern reflects the neighbourhood vibe, while standing out as a bold example of contemporary architecture."

Midtown Modern will house main-floor commercial space, providing more space for businesses in the community, and providing residents a range of shops and services right in their building.

Envisioned by local interior design firm Occupy Design, the interior finishes are the new classic. Pure white quartz countertops sweep into a matching full-height backsplash that is complemented by subtle undercabinet lighting. Plus a designer collection of stainless steel appliances are sure to inspire your inner chef.

One of the features that makes Midtown Modern homes stand out is its outdoor space. All the homes come with expansive outdoor space in the form of balconies, patios and rooftop decks.

"Integrating outdoor space into every home was very important to us," says Reyes. "Vancouver is quintessentially outdoorsy, and we want our homes to reflect that, for our buyers to enjoy."

Each penthouse-level home has a balcony with a spiral staircase that leads up to the rooftop, where each resident has outdoor space that offers them the opportunity to garden and landscape to their heart's content.

"Homes at Midtown Modern were designed not just to look good, but to feel good, in a neighbourhood you love," says Reyes.

Register today for the first opportunity to preview this limited collection of homes at LivingMidtown.com. Follow PortLiving on Facebook for the latest project updates.

8X On The Park will change how you view downtown living

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The next generation of homes in Yaletown will give you a whole new perspective on downtown Vancouver.

8X On The Park is a new condo development in the preview stage that's set to bring cutting-edge design to the neighbourhood, and incredible views to its residents.

"Inside, stunning floor-to-ceiling windows transform your home into a viewing gallery of the city," says Tracie McTavish, Executive Director at Rennie Marketing Systems of 8X On The Park. "It's a view that's wonderful to wake up to in the morning."

The homes at 8X On The Park were designed with high-end features meant to endure, made with high-quality materials that are functional and attractive.

Floors are laid with premium, wide-plank engineered oak wood flooring — a beautifully textured and durable finish that will last for years.

Residents will be able to make the most of their cooking skills with the high-end stainless steel appliances by Miele.

Cooking is extra enjoyable against the kitchen backdrop — the quartz countertops, Italian-made Binova cabinetry and a stunning marble stone slab backsplash with natural whorls and texture that make the kitchen's minimalist design come alive.

The dimmable lights and motion-sensor under-cabinet LED lighting provide convenient task lighting that you can adapt to your mood.

Homes at 8X On The Park also have high-tech additions that make each condo even more livable and easy to use.

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Your private balcony is a way to bring the amazing views into your home even further. It comes complete with a gas barbecue connection, so you can grill from home.

Parkside perks include a penthouse-level fitness centre

8X On The Park isn't just state-of-the-art in its design — it's also forward-thinking in its amenities.

From practical to lofty, they were carefully chosen to match the wants and needs of today's homebuyers.

The fitness centre is penthouse-level and air conditioned, providing views and comfort for residents — a workout experience and view you won't get at a regular gym.

Those who bike can use the dedicated bike elevator and bike floor with secure storage, to ensure their bike stays safe and protected from the elements.

The pet-washing station is a convenient place for dog owners to hose their pups down after a morning in the park, to help keep the apartment clean and tidy.

The forward-thinking development also has a dedicated electric vehicle stall, perfect for residents who need to charge their electric cars.

The building's air-conditioned Sky-Lounge and rooftop terrace provides a viewpoint that's purely pleasurable. The epic views are hard to beat.

8X On The Park will change how you view downtown living.

Live the park life

Elevated above the park, 8X On The Park is perfectly positioned to provide its residents with a beautiful balance of city life in a natural setting.

"Vancouver's calling card is that feeling of being in the city and experiencing nature at the same time," says Tracie McTavish, Executive Director at Rennie Marketing Systems of 8X On The Park.

The 35-storey tower will be positioned right beside Emery Barnes Park, a creatively landscaped and meticulously cared for park in the middle of the city. It's one of the many places in the neighbourhood where residents can experience nature first-hand.

The development will be within walking distance of the best Vancouver has to offer — more than 150 unique and interesting places within 200 steps, to be exact.

"You can do anything from here, whether you're looking for an active day on the sea wall, a world-class culinary experience, or a day of culture, shopping and entertainment," says McTavish.

Shopping is abundant and diverse across downtown's districts. Find great vintage and streetwear on Granville Street, shop for high-end gifts, homewares and lingerie in Yaletown, find styles straight off the runway at Nordstrom and Holt Renfrew, and much more.

And when you want to try great food, beer and cocktails, you won't need to look far. There are too many great bars and eateries to count.

Start with a tasting flight of beer at the Yaletown Brewery Pub, or try out the latest seasonal bitters in a creative libation at Uva.

Dine out on something classically delicious, or daring and different, there are more than 200 restaurants to choose from nearby — some of the best in the city, including Blue Water Cafe, Glowbal and Minami Yaletown.

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Sharks break through for first Cup appearance

NHL PLAYOFFS

Veteran-laden team ousts St. Louis in six games

Sharks Joe Thornton, from left, Joe Pavelski, Tomas Hertl and Brent Burns celebrate a goal during Game 6 of the Western Conference final on Wednesday. THEARON W. HENDERSON/GETTY IMAGES

After 25 years, the San Jose Sharks will finally play for the Stanley Cup.

Captain Joe Pavelski scored an early goal, Joel Ward added two of his own and the Sharks advanced to their first Stanley Cup final in franchise history by beating the St. Louis Blues 5-2 on Wednesday night in Game 6 of the Western Conference final.

Joonas Donskoi also scored, Logan Couture had an empty-netter and Martin Jones made 24 saves as a Sharks team notorious for post-season letdowns will now play for the championship that has eluded stars such as Pavelski, Joe Thornton and Patrick Marleau for so many years.

Thornton assisted on Pavelski's goal less than four minutes into the game to set the tone and Marleau had two assists in the third period that set off chants of "We want the Cup! We want the Cup!"

Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final will be Monday night. The Sharks will either host Tampa Bay or visit Pittsburgh, depending on which team wins Game 7 of the Eastern Conference final Thursday night.

With the loss, the Blues' post-season woes continue as the franchise still seeks its first championship and first trip to the Cup final since 1970. Coach Ken Hitchcock's second goalie change of the series did not work as Brian Elliott allowed four goals on 26 shots in his return to the net.

Vladimir Tarasenko, a 40-goal scorer in the regular season, got his first points of the series when he scored twice in the third period but it was too late for the Blues, who still trailed 4-2.

GAME 6 In San Jose

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Despite making the playoffs 16 times in 18 seasons and winning the second most games in the NHL since the start of the 2003-04 season, the Sharks have been known for their soul-crushing playoff disappointments.

They won just three games in three previous trips to the conference final, were knocked out twice in four seasons by an eighth seed and most notably blew a 3-0 series lead to lose in the first round to Los Angeles in 2014.

The impact of that loss lasted for an entire year as San Jose missed the playoffs entirely last season. But led by first-year coach Peter DeBoer and bolstered by some key acquisitions by general manager Doug Wilson, the Sharks recovered this year and are now only four wins away from a championship.

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IN BRIEF

Canucks deal McCann for defenceman Gudbranson

Defenceman Erik Gudbranson was acquired by the Vancouver Canucks in a trade with the Panthers on Wednesday night that sent centre Jared McCann to Florida.

Vancouver also got Florida's 2016 fifth-round pick (NYI) and the Canucks sent their second- and fourth-round picks in the upcoming draft to Florida.

Erik Gudbranson GETTY IMAGES

The 24-year-old Gudbranson, who was the third overall pick of the 2010 draft, had two goals, seven assists and a plus-3 rating in 64 games for the Panthers last season.

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Martin powers Jays victory

Russell Martin hit his first two home runs of the season, Michael Saunders also went deep and the Toronto Blue Jays finally broke out their big bats again Wednesday night, halting the New York Yankees' six-game winning streak with an 8-4 victory.

Marco Estrada (2-2) took a two-hitter into the seventh inning and the Blue Jays won for the fourth time in six games following an 0-5 slide.

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Cavaliers J.R. Smith, left, and Tristan Thompson converge on Raptors guard DeMar DeRozan in Cleveland on Wednesday night. JASON MILLER/GETTY IMAGES

NBA PLAYOFFS

Dinos sore after leaving A-game at home

RAPTORS
CAVS LEAD SERIES 3-2

The Toronto Raptors rode a wave of momentum into Cleveland on Wednesday.

But by the merciful end of an atrocious Game 5 effort, it was tough to believe the Raptors had ever beaten the Cavaliers at all.

Cleveland's trio of Kevin Love, LeBron James and Kyrie Irving combined for 71 points as the Cavaliers thoroughly trounced the Raptors 116-78 to take a 3-2 lead in the NBA Eastern Conference final.

DeMar DeRozan had 14 points, while Kyle Lowry had 13, but no other Raptor scored in double digits in Toronto's worst performance of these playoffs. Jonas Valanciunas returned from his ankle injury to score nine points in 19 minutes.

The Raptors were coming off back-to-back victories at the Air Canada Centre, infusing fans with a glimmer of hope for a historic NBA Finals appearance. But the Cavaliers' homecourt had proven deadly to Toronto in Games 1 and 2: a 50-point deficit combined.

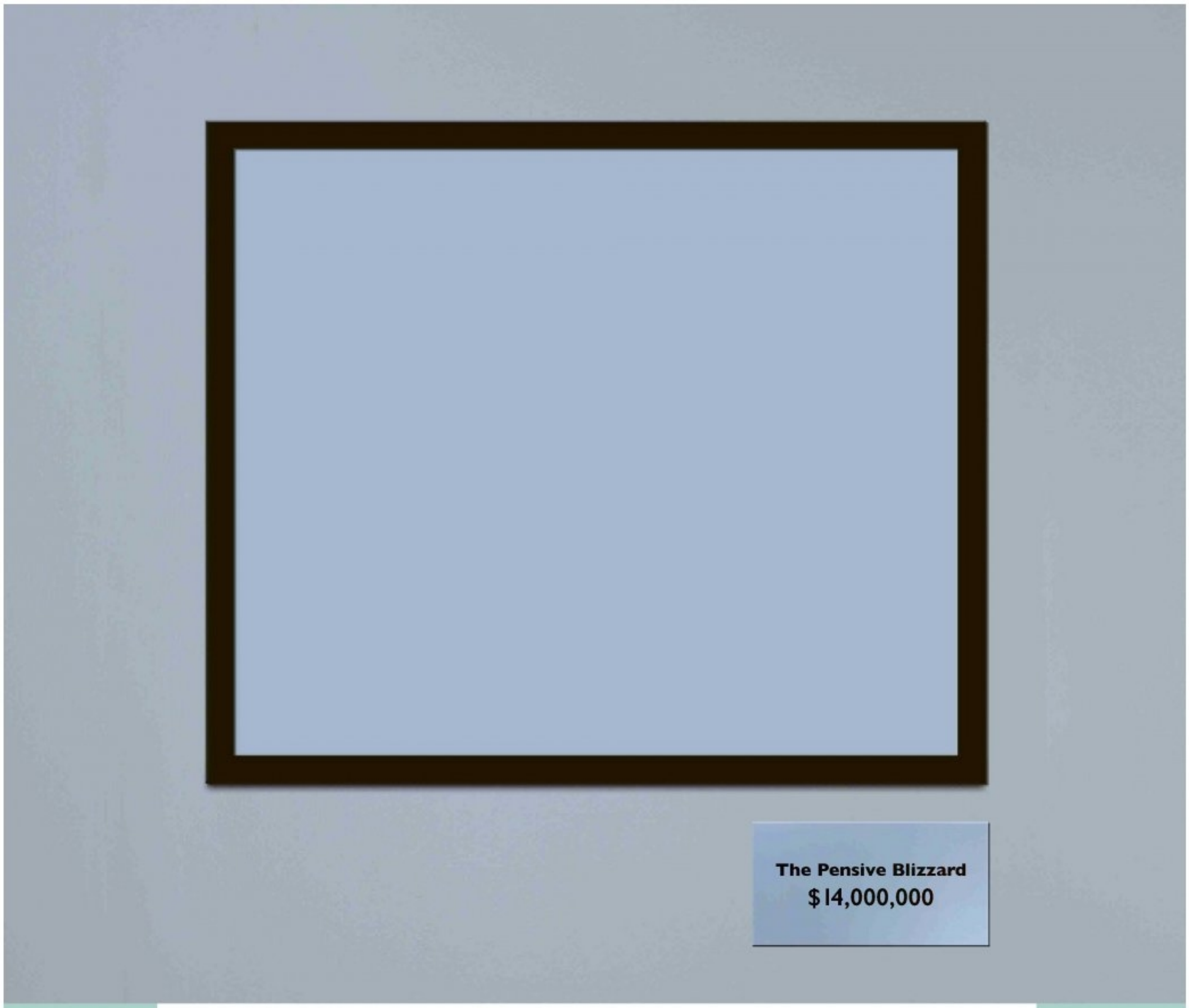
GAME 5 In Cleveland

116	78

Coach Dwane Casey has predicted a different game on their return trip to Cleveland, but it was evident virtually from the opening whistle that they were in for a long night.

In a noisy Quicken Loans Arena awash in wine and gold, they looked completely discombobulated. They were terrible in virtually every category, a dog's breakfast of poor decisions, terrible shooting, and head-slapping turnovers. Their defensive effort, against a Cavs team that opened the post-season 10-0, was half-hearted.

The series returns to the Air Canada Centre for Game 6 on Friday. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Scottish Cup shenanigans raise eyebrows in Vancouver

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Rangers loanee Aird speaks out against violence in Glasgow

Fraser Aird knew plenty of people on the field and in the stands as he opened his laptop to watch Saturday's Scottish Cup final.

He didn't expect to be fearing for their safety a short time later.

Rangers, the Glasgow club that loaned Aird to the Vancouver Whitecaps this season, fell 3-2 to Hibernian in dramatic fashion over the weekend, and while the defeat was a major disappointment, what happened next left the 21-year-old defender shaking his head.

A number of Rangers players were assaulted as thousands of Hibernian fans stormed the pitch after the final whistle at Hampden Park to celebrate their club's first Scottish Cup in 114 years.

"It's shocking," Aird said after Whitecaps' practice on Tuesday. "That shouldn't happen in this day and age in football.

Fraser Aird GETTY IMAGES

"You shouldn't fear that you might get hurt when you go on the park."

Hibernian fans invade the pitch at the final whistle after winning the Scottish Cup final over Rangers on Saturday in Glasgow, Scotland. IAN MACNICOL/GETTY IMAGES

Supporters of Hibernian, located in Edinburgh, tore down one of the goalposts and ripped up sections of the turf, while fights also broke out among rival fans.

As police and security struggled to cope, mounted horse units were brought on to the pitch to help restore order to a chaotic scene that resembled something out of the 1970s or 1980s.

Vancouver head coach Carl Robinson spoke with friend and former Whitecaps striker Kenny Miller, who scored the opener for Rangers on Saturday, after the match to make sure everything was OK.

"It's an unbelievable scenario. I thought, gone were the days of ... that," said Robinson. "You can't condone fans running on the pitch. In today's society it's absolutely unacceptable and puts people at risk.

"I understand the joyous moment and things like that, but come on. That should never happen."

Born in Toronto, Aird joined Rangers' youth program as a 16-year-old and scored 12 times in 80 games for the senior team before coming to Major League Soccer.

Like Robinson, he said he understands the euphoria of the Hibernian fans, but not how they acted.

"You can celebrate in the stands, you can celebrate when you go home," said Aird, a Canadian international. "There's no need to run on the field and threaten players or attack players. It's just totally uncalled for.

"It wasn't a good look for Scottish football."

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Hibs fans climb the fallen goalposts at Hampden Park. GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

East-best Union take draw in Orlando

Ken Tribbett scored a late equalizer, his first MLS goal, as Philadelphia Union come back for a 2-2 draw with Orlando City on Wednesday night.

Tranquillo Barnetta gave the Union the lead in the 52nd minute before three goals in a seven-minute span opened up the game.

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Nagbe notches international goal No. 1

Darlington Nagbe's first international goal was a lift for the United States in its next-to-last tuneup before hosting next month's Copa America.

The Portland Timbers midfielder scored on a 90th-minute volley, and the U.S. beat Ecuador 1-0 in an exhibition Wednesday night for just its third win in 21 games against South American teams over the past nine years. The U.S. had 14 losses and four draws in that span.

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Murray survives 2nd round

After 10 sets of tennis in his first two rounds at the French Open, Andy Murray sorely needs rest.

The Scot, seeded second, came through 6-2, 2-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 on Wednesday against Mathias Bourgue, a 22-year-old French player ranked 164th with a wild card to play his first Grand Slam.

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

There's so much to love about this dish — crisp bacon, cheesey sauce, garlicy veggies.

Ready in
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 Tbsp of olive oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 cup bacon, chopped into 1-inch to 2-inch pieces
- 500 grams of whole wheat fusilli
- 4 medium zucchini, julienned
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup Parmesan, grated
- Pepper to taste

Directions

1. In a large pan, warm up your olive oil over medium heat and add onions, garlic and bacon. Allow bacon to crisp. Put a big pot of salted water on to boil for the pasta.

2. Chop zucchini into matchsticks and add to the bacon mixture. Give it all a good stir so the zucchini gets well coated. Allow it to cook down for at least 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Some of the zucchini will start to disintegrate and that's what you're after.

3. Cook your pasta according to instructions. Drain well and throw the cooked pasta into the vegetables.

4. In a bowl, whisk the eggs and stir in the grated Parmesan. Pour the cheesy eggs into your noodles and mix well. Cook over medium heat until the sauce just sets. The whole thing will go from wet to gooey in just a few minutes.

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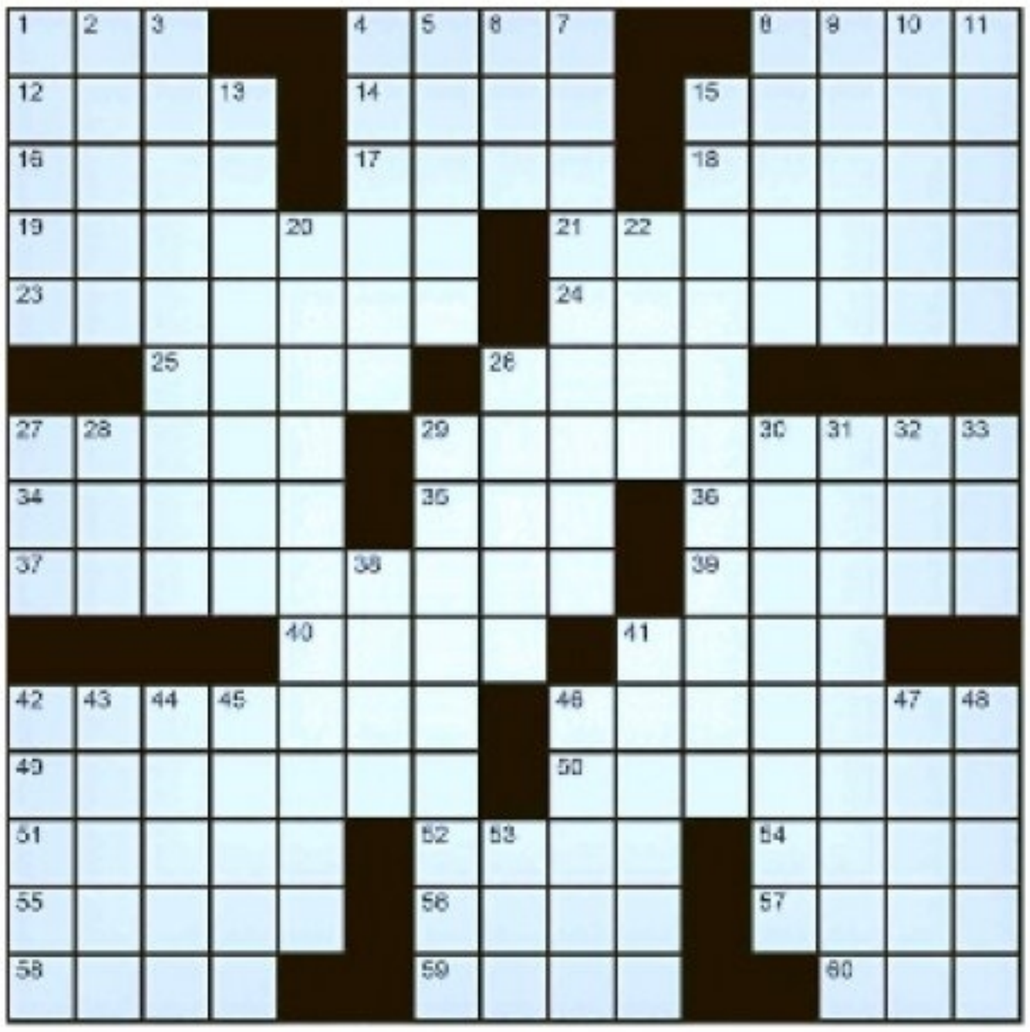

ACROSS
1. Sunscreen no.
4. Mr. Hartnett
8. Hurried the horse
12. Spaghetti cheese, for short
14. Odd mixture
15. A.A. Milne character
16. "...so long __ both shall live?"
17. Sheriff __ ("BJ and the Bear" character)
18. "__ you loud and clear."
19. Bee's weapon
21. Capital city of Uganda
23. Humanity
24. 6/49 and Lotto Max ticket add-ons
25. Fixed stare
26. Icelandic epic
27. __ New Guinea
29. Alberta town half-an-hour north of Calgary
34. Play __ (Do this in an orchestra, perhaps)
35. __ Islands, Indonesia
36. Freshwater fish
37. 1970s rec room walls choice
39. Reindeer: French
40. River islets
41. Permission requester's opener...: 2 wds.
42. __ fasciitis (Heel problem)
46. Not-in-a-group showbiz performance: 2 wds.
49. Mozart's musical rival in "Amadeus" (1984)
50. Having soup and a salad: 2 wds.
51. Singer Ms. Baker
52. In the thick __
54. Norway's capital
55. Shakespeare: Character in All's Well That Ends Well, variantly
56. Faux pas
57. Eager
58. Pine for
59. PR people, puny-ly
60. Jalalabad's country, for short

DOWN
1. Muscle cramp
2. Rice alternative
3. Making-a-meal need, often: 2 wds.
4. Dolly Parton song
5. "__..." (Prayer opener)
6. Fam. tree member
7. Creation by Chéticamp, Nova Scotia artist Elizabeth LeFort (b.1914 - d.2005): 2 wds.
8. Oprah's production company
9. __-__ monitor (Device one often sees singers remove)
10. Equal, to Marie-Claire
11. Some baby parents, to babies
13. One of Egypt's famous three pyramids
15. Star of HBO Canada's "Sensitive Skin": 2 wds.
20. Geographic location of #13-Down: 2 wds.
22. 'Ets' equivalents in English
26. Nets
27. Drivel
28. __ peel (Dermatology procedure)
29. Ms. Balfe (Irish star of "Outlander", on Showcase)
30. Query to the seemingly injured: 3 wds.
31. Body of water on which the Greek island of Corfu is situated: 2 wds.
32. Bleed
33. Jeanne d'Arc, e.g.
38. Fibber
41. Purposeful sayings
42. Hymn
43. Island of Hawaii
44. Letter As, in Arabic
45. Fun-spelling evenings
46. Gulf of __ Lawrence
47. __ (Music symbol)
48. Sisqo's "__ Song"
53. Daze

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Right now in your work, you feel balanced between what you want to do and what you think is possible. It's as if your hopes and dreams are more lined up with reality.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You have a realistic view on how much you can spend on recreation. Everything has its limits (unless you have a money tree growing in your backyard).

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You feel reassured with the obligations of partnerships and what you want to achieve at home. Somehow, they are starting to dovetail.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Your enthusiasm and positive frame of mind support your hard-working energy now. In other words, your attitude is helping you get things done. Bravo!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
It's encouraging that your hard work is literally paying off. When the money flows in, you don't mind the effort. It's true — no pain, no gain.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The more you work to solidify your home base, the happier you feel. Keep doing repairs or whatever is needed so you feel secure where you live. This gives you a warm feeling in your tummy.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Even though you know that things are loosey-goosey in terms of potential job changes or residential moves, your faith in your own future is what keeps you strong. Good!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The positive feedback you get from friends and groups that you deal with reassures you of your values. And it is your values that attract people to you.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
As you begin your new journey, it's important to know that you impress bosses and influential people. Why not use their help and influence to open doors for you?

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Although you are downsizing and letting go of many things, you can expand your world through knowledge, further education and travel. Look for ways to do this.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Because the support of others is forthcoming, you see ways to help those who are less fortunate, especially through nonprofit organizations or charitable clubs.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The success of friendships and partnerships is definitely part of your time of harvest right now. These relationships are one reason you feel proud.

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